

Key Points for P&O Statements to Board

Class Size Presentation - March 23

As we enter the final year of the current BSEP measure, the P&O is pleased that the revenues from the measure have supported the essential purposes that were supported by the voters in 2006.

There have been many budgetary and programmatic challenges that the school district has faced over the past 10 years, and thanks to BSEP, we have been able to maintain support for essential programs to support our students.

In the early years of the current measure, the great recession brought significant cuts to state funding for schools, and thanks to BSEP, to careful fiscal management and strategic cuts to the district budget, we avoided the teacher lay-offs, furloughs and other major impacts seen in other districts.

In the middle years of the measure, the BSEP revenues increased by a few percentages, in keeping with the cost-of-living increase written into the measure, and this provided funding to support student learning - reducing math class sizes, providing response-to-intervention support to help kids, providing literacy coaches, and much more.

In recent years, the BSEP revenue annual increase has been significantly below the overall cost increases for programs and personnel, and in the meantime, as you know, the class reduction funding from the state has been readjusted to a

Community Process Presentation - April 6

P&O has been keeping an eye on current measure and thinking about implications for the future along with staff.

Board presentation in April of 2013 outlined the components of a planning process; with the P&O statement at that time expressing concern about the importance of focus on budget, program, and process.

The Superintendent's BSEP Measure Planning Workgroup began meeting in 2014 to provide the initial framework for the early stages of BSEP Measure Planning. The workgroup established a timeline for the planning process, reviewed records from prior BSEP planning groups, examined the trajectory of the current BSEP funds, and identified key issues to be addressed in the context of the fiscal framework of the district and state. The Board received updates from the BSEP Director in March and November 2014, and January and June 2015.